

A spirited adventure through Bohemia and Alice's Looking Glass

DVOŘÁK'S SERENADE

4–19 August 2023

Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Newcastle



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- NEW YORK COMPOSER CAROLINE SHAW ON HER WORK ENTR'ACTE.

Internationally acclaimed as an 'orchestra of soloists', the **Australian Chamber Orchestra** will embark on a spirited adventure to Bohemia to perform the visceral, virtuosic and utterly exhilarating music of **Antonín Dvořák** and **Béla Bartók** in a national tour directed by ACO Artistic Director **Richard Tognetti**.

Hungarian composer Béla Bartók is one of the most important composers of the 20th century and his String Quartet No.5, with its incredible spectrum of colours, rhythmic vitality and emotion, is one of the most challenging pieces of string music ever written. In a new arrangement for string orchestra by Tognetti, this electrifying music will push the breathtaking virtuosity of the ACO to its very limits.

The concert opens with Dvořák's *Serenade for Strings*, music that conjures the lush forests of the Czech composer's homeland. One of his most popular and beloved works, it reflects a joyful and highly productive period of Dvořák's life and is filled with sunny optimism and rich melodic invention.

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Bartók and Dvořák are in fine company with the magnetic music of New York musician **Caroline Shaw**, whose work *Entr'acte* also appears in the program. A Pulitzer Prize and Grammy award winner whose career spans working as a composer, producer, violinist and vocalist, Shaw has collaborated with musicians from Yo-Yo Ma, Renée Fleming and Dawn Upshaw to Rosalía, Woodkid and Nas while her music has appeared on the likes of *Bombshell*, *Yellowjackets*, and Beyonce's *Homecoming*.

A piece that is striking, ebullient and captivating in its unpredictability, Shaw has said of the inspiration behind *Entr'acte*, "I love the way some music suddenly takes you to the other side of Alice's looking glass, in a kind of absurd, subtle, technicolor transition."

Concert Details

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ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK Serenade for Strings in E major, Op.22 CAROLINE SHAW Entr'acte JOSEF SUK Meditation on the Old Czech Hymn "St Wenceslas", Op.35a BÉLA BARTÓK (arr. Richard Tognetti) String Quartet No.5

Richard Tognetti Director and Violin Australian Chamber Orchestra

Sydney · City Recital Hall

Fri 4 Aug, 1.30pm Sat 5 Aug, 7pm Tue 8 Aug, 8pm Wed 9 Aug, 7pm

Sydney Opera House Sun 6 Aug, 2pm

Brisbane - QPAC Concert Hall Mon 7 Aug, 7pm

Canberra - Llewellyn Hall Sat 12 Aug, 8pm Melbourne - Arts Centre Melbourne Sun 13 Aug, 2.30pm Mon 14 Aug, 7.30pm

Adelaide Town Hall Tue 15 Aug, 7.30pm

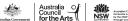
Newcastle City Hall Sat 19 Aug, 7.30pm

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